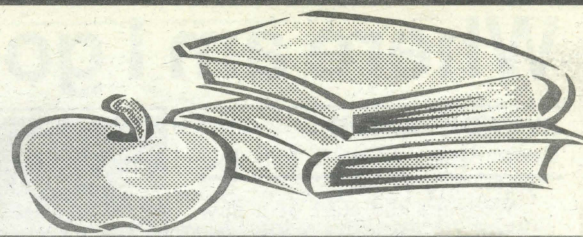


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## 'Say-so,' says who?

Callers say Wilkes students are running a muck in neighborhood.

BY DAVE GRASSO  
Beacon News Editor

After reading a statement made in last week's Sayso column of the Times Leader, one would make one begin to think having Wilkes' students living next door to you would be as pleasant as living next to a toxic waste dump or a skunk coat factory. For those of you who didn't read the Sayso column referred to, it read, "I don't understand how Wilkes-Barre city and Wilkes in particular can allow 26 more students to move into two homes in a neighborhood? I have news for you, anybody around Wilkes get out. Sell your homes and get out. To bring 26 people (Wilkes students) into two homes in a neighborhood, that is absolutely disgusting."

This Sayso was not the only piece disparaging Wilkes residents in the Times Leader in recent years. Columnist Steve Corbett also has written several articles concerning the supposed outlandish behavior of Wilkes residents. So I set out this week to interview face to face with neighbors of the Wilkes residential halls to find out the truth of the matter. In order to protect the neighbors of the dorms and receive the most honest information, they were informed that their names would be left out of the article.

The first street explored was South River Road. A one story home next door to a Wilkes Dorm was the first household interviewed. Living in the house was an elderly woman

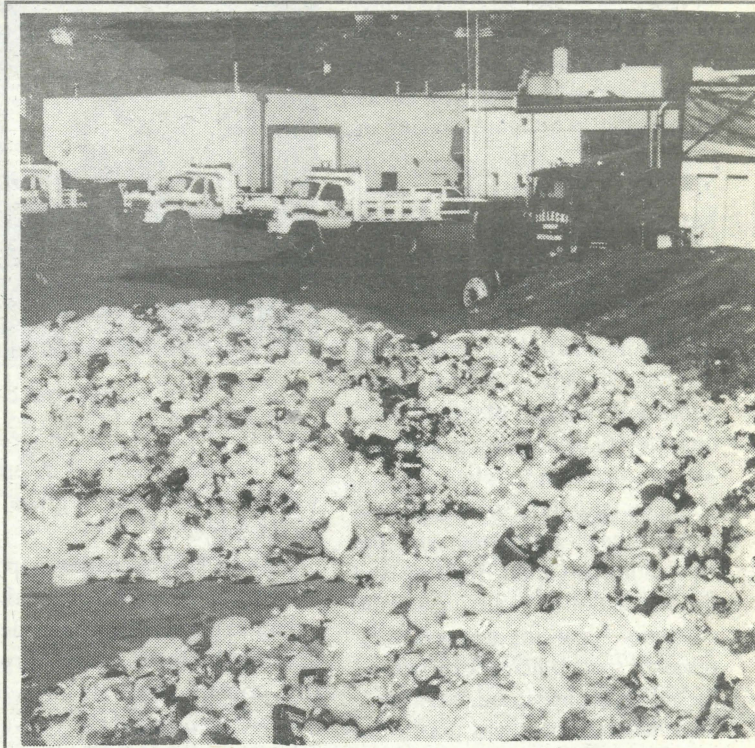
and her husband. When asked if she would comment on the Sayso column and if the students in the dorm were bothering her in any way she responded, "I've been living here for 54 years, and the students lately have not been bothering me at all." She continued to say that she had not had any problems in recent years, and that the students had mostly been polite and respectful to her and her family. This woman did mention that many years ago she had had problems with Wilkes students in the dorm, saying they had thrown water out the window onto her as she walked by and garbage onto her property, but no prob-

"I don't care about the Wilkes newspaper, and you are bothering me. Goodbye!"

-cooperative  
Wilkes-Barre resident

lems in recent years.

The next house I examined was across the street in order to see if things were any different there. I again knocked on the door of a house neighboring a Wilkes dorm and an 82 year old man answered and invited me in. He and his wife sat down with me and I asked them if they had had any problematic experiences with Wilkes residents. First he replied, "They've been great, I can't find a complaint. I've lived her for 40 years and lately I haven't had any problems. Years ago there were some boys across the street that caused a few problems, and we had to call the police, but that was many years ago." Once again the same story was told



Is this what Wilkes students are leaving on your front yard?

that many years ago problems existed but none of late. The 82 year old man then commented on a time when he was shoveling snow and two Wilkes residents approached him. "I was shoveling snow last winter and two girls came out of the dorm and asked me if I needed help. I said, 'sure,' and they finished shoveling my walks. I offered to give them a few bucks for helping, but they wouldn't take it. In all my years I have never had anyone offer to shovel my snow for me," he added with a smile. The only complaint the couple had against the dorm residents was that occasionally someone parks in the fire lane next to the dorm. "I worry that if there is ever a fire, and the trucks can't get in, some of those kids might get hurt. I don't want to see any of them get hurt," said the elderly woman.

She did comment at times the noise gets loud, but she has never had a problem sleeping and said, "I have grandchildren of my own, and the one thing I know is you can't put an old head on young shoulders. We understand that." With that the elderly couple wished me good luck and I left.

Next I decided to examine the situation on South Franklin Street and see if there was a difference. I knocked on the door of a home across the street from a dorm. An old woman asked me through the door what I wanted. I explained who I was and my purpose and asked if the Wilkes residents had

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## Life Back at Wilkes

BY TARA BARRIE  
Beacon Staff Writer

Well, here we are back at school. Happy to be back? According to most Juniors and Seniors, we're ecstatic to be here. Junior Beth Rosenberg stated, "I'm definitely glad to be back, but I'd be happier if I didn't have to go to class." Senior Danyel Donovan agreed with her, "It's good to be on campus, but not so good to be in class." Junior Jen Vodzak complained, "I'm already overworked." So, sounds like

the upper classmen are all glad to be around, just not sitting around in class.

When I went out and asked the freshman and sophomores, I got quite a different story, however. Freshman Solomon Voala complained that, "The classrooms are too big and I can't hear anything if I get stuck sitting in the back of

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# Where am I gonna park now?

BY KATHY DONLIN  
Beacon Assistant Editor

Well, it's the start of a new school year and an old topic is the source of a bunch of contention, the parking situation, which junior Kristy Jeremiah describes as "out of control." She is joined by senior John Burke who thinks "It sucks, there needs to be more parking on campus."

Many students have been heard complaining about the lack of spots to park in and the number of tickets that have been given out to students. Sophomore Lauren Woll comments that "it is about time that the school provided additional parking, if we had places to park then the city would have to find new ways to ticket the students"

This situation was supposed to have been addressed with the New Student Union Building and the destruction of Pickering and the cafeteria. A parking area was to replace the space where Pickering and the cafeteria once stood. Many students want to know why the dirt lot they parked in at the close of last year was fenced in and restricted.

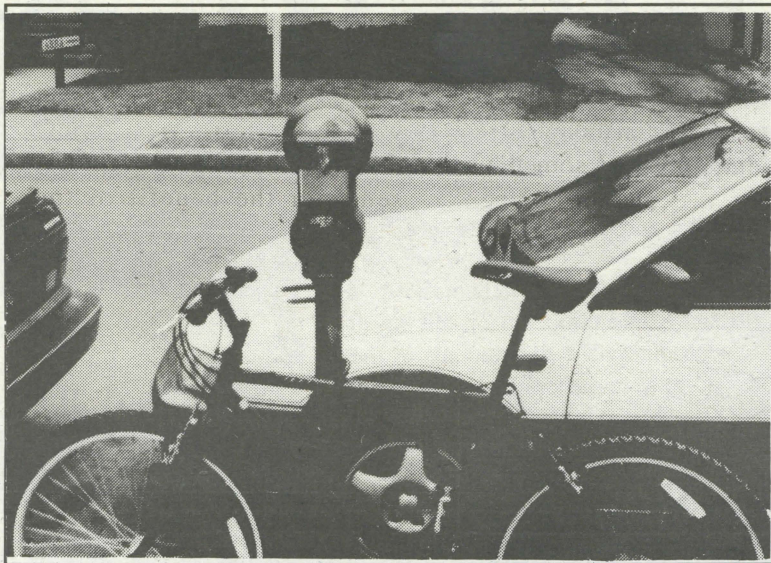
The misconception that has been going around campus is that Wilkes went to proceed the project without securing proper authorization from the City of Wilkes Barre. When Jack Zikoski of Facilities Management was called about this he quickly cleared up the misconception.

Wilkes did go to the Planning Commission to present and get approval of the proposed area. The Planning Commission made suggestion as to how they wanted the plans changed. Wilkes is now waiting for approval for the changed plans. A recent meeting seemed favorable for

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class." Freshman Naveen Sunkara stated that, "Classes need to start at 9:00 or later because I work too late at night to wake up for an 8:00 class." (It's called pre-registering guys. Freshman especially, make sure you don't get stuck with those 8:00 classes next term so that you can, uhm... work late at night.) Sophomore Chris Tedesco said, "I have more fun at school than I do at home." Sophomore Teresa Genna said, "I'm excited! Every day there's something new to see or learn." Freshman Brandis Mooney said, "I like it because it's different than high school." Obviously, anyone can see the mentality difference between the upper and under classmen on their feelings towards school.

I even went so far as to ask pro-



Don't get caught in the "red zone".

the plans but a meeting on Wednesday, September 20 will determine whether Wilkes gets a green light on the project.

Once Wilkes secures approval the project it is expected to take six weeks to complete. This is dependent on the weather and surprise-free construction. If everything goes off as planned the University is hoping to have the facility ready by the end of October.

For now, students can either park in the almost filled Ralston Field and take the shuttle or they can park on the streets by the school and risk getting a ticket. Or as senior, Tara Barrie suggested, "The school should just remove the treadles on the South Franklin side of the Evans lot. Everyone drives over them anyway."

Senior Adrienne Corrigan chimes in with Tara saying that "parking here at Wilkes is a joke." Senior Ameer Mehta wants to know "with all the money we pay to go here, why isn't there sufficient parking to accommodate the students?"

Senior John Bruett further expands Ameer's comment by

fessors their opinions on being back at Wilkes University for another year. Professors gave an entire new outlook on the issue. Dr. Michael Steele, an awesome biology professor here at Wilkes said, "My summer was really busy and I was on the move quite a bit. I'm so glad to be back on schedule. It's always great to see the students again." Dr. John Tindell agreed, "I love being back to school. I love fall. I love college football. I'm so happy to be back."

Senior Becky Grecco had a comparative perspective to offer, as a transfer student she sees Wilkes as a better institution than her previous one. She remarks that the teachers are even better here. (For the teachers who have her, her name is Becky Grecco, and I think she

complimenting Wilkes for opening up Ralston Field for the students, and hoping that they continue similar efforts like that. He also encourages Wilkes to go to the students and find out what they are looking for in terms of parking and go from there.

While talking with students about the lack of parking on campus I discovered that students also have a couple other issues that related. Freshman Selena Bedvarz is hoping that a safety issue her friends deal with will get better once the lot is complete. "Even though I don't have a car, a lot of my friends do." She hears them complain that they are not "able to park close to the school and have to walk to their cars late at night."

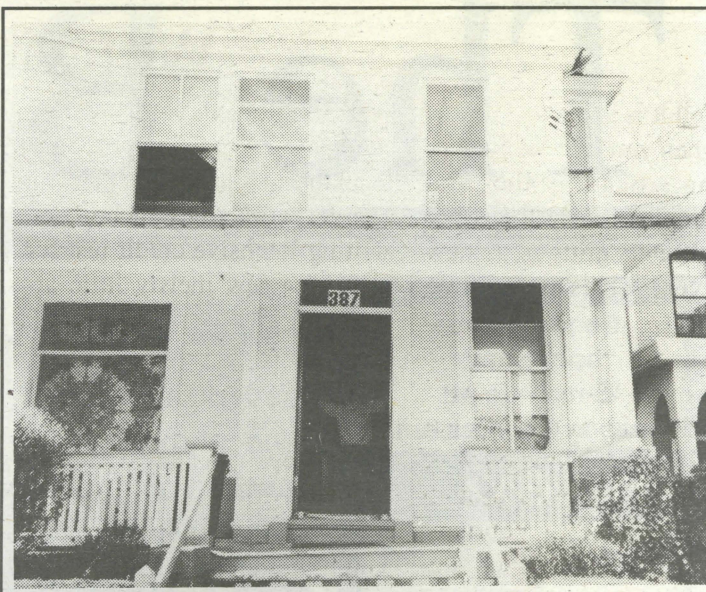
Senior Jozica Vodlan ends this article perfectly with her sentiments on the City, "The city of Wilkes Barre should revalue the effort they put into insignificantly ticketing park cars and concentrate their efforts into slightly more important areas."

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deserves a few extra points!)

There are a few seniors who aren't as "ecstatic" as the rest. Senior Kate Ahearn says she "should have graduated in the Spring, I just want to be out of school. I'm here to get it over with." Senior Kathleen Nocchi is "Depressed, but I'm glad it's my last year. I'm tired of the lack of parking here." (Kathleen, I think you need to check out the article in this week's Beacon on parking.) And Senior Bill Wilcox "went all summer and only had a week and a half off." Obviously he's not back, because he never left.

**THE GENERAL CONSENSUS IS THAT THERE IS NO GENERAL CONSENSUS AS TO HOW PEOPLE FEEL ABOUT BEING BACK AT SCHOOL.**



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been bothering her at all, she exclaimed, "I don't care about the Wilkes newspaper, and you are bothering me. Goodbye!" So I left the house and tried the next house over only to get even less of a response. I knocked on the door and an old woman answered. After I explained who I was and my purpose, I quickly got the door slammed in my face without even a word. Whether bad past experiences with Wilkes students caused these reactions, or if they were just the perfect dates for Jack Lemmon and Mathaeau we'll never know. But their lack of co-operation and downright ignorance toward myself and Wilkes will not do them any good with the trouble that Wilkes residents might have caused them. Their voices will never be heard.

Determined to find at least one person on South Franklin Street to give me their opinion I pressed on. I knocked on another house across the street from a Wilkes dorm. I asked the same questions and this time I received a response, "The kids are not causing me any problems. They are noisy at times, but I understand that. They are college kids. They are not bothering me." The man went on to explain, "My wife went to Wilkes, she is very loyal towards them, and we don't want to cause any problems for the kids." So far two streets no problems.

I then walked over to Ross Street where there are a few apartment buildings where students who go to Wilkes. I approached a man who was watering his yard and asked him if he had any problems with Wilkes students. "No problems at all. All the guys are great. There are two guys living there (pointing across the street), they are great. Four guys living in that house (pointing next to the other house), they are a bunch of good guys and a couple more there, (pointing again across the street) and they're great. No problems at all."

After visiting three streets and interviewing six people who are neighbors with dorms or apartments of Wilkes students, I did not receive any real negative comments. In fact the most common phrase heard in all interviews were "They are great." This is quite a contrast from what I was expecting to hear due to the publicity Wilkes residents have been getting. The fact is anyone who feels that they have a right to go out and slander the reputation of a person or group of people should probably go out and do some real investigation first. The real truth is that these people probably have any idea what the truth is and that is proven in the Sayso article when the caller said, "If I lived in that neighborhood...". Obviously the caller doesn't have any credibility to make the comments they did. Slander the reputation of current Wilkes residents and the University.

Something can still be learned from this article for students who live in resident halls on campus. Most of your neighbors are understanding people who seem to really care for everyone living there. Continue to show them the respect and kindness that they deserve, so that you and Wilkes can receive the reputation that you deserve.

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# Welcome back, I guess!!

Well it is that time of year when you have to give up your pina colada to getting to the nitty gritty of the new school year. This is the time you have to stand in long lines at the financial aid office to make sure that you have something paid so they do not enroll you, checking on your grades in which even though you signed up for in February are still wait listed for, and the dreaded book store. Although you spent thousands of dollars to get a quality education they are still going to nickel and dime you to death.

Now that I have stated my opinion coming back to school, I think that I should welcome you back to Wilkes and to you who are new to this institution here is some advice. **WE LEAVE WHILE YOU CAN!!!!** No, just kidding. I welcome you aboard and

while I still have your attention there are plenty of positions available at *The Beacon* that you can get work study money and writing intensive credit just for writing a few measly little articles.

Enough with trying to recruit people to work for *The Beacon*.

I hope that all you students had a terrific summer and that everyone is ready to settle down and to work really hard this semester. I mean we have so many activities coming up already for example the "Big" Student Government nominations are in effect right now. Make sure that you get all one million signatures. It is almost impossible not to be involved in something on campus. Come on for being a small university we have something for everybody. I think that it is really sad that students complain there is nothing that the university has to offer them in

To prove that statement

that I just made, we just had club day (September 7, 2000) and almost everyone was there. It was fantastic!!! Even though each individual club does something to "Hook, line, and sinker" the students to sign up for their club it is still a great activity to have. Especially for the incoming freshmen which is the largest class in all of Wilkes University history, congratulations on that achievement, and also for the transfer students from other institutions.

Now that I have welcomed you all back get ready for the major complaints already going on for this semester, there is not enough parking and your neighbors hate you. But I guess you

did not need me to tell you that. Just take a look at the local newspapers and read what they have to say about you. I think that they should give each new semester the benefit of the doubt. Not everyone that goes to Wilkes is a "bad-seed" or a "party animal"

There are plenty of students that go to this fine institution that really have a goal in life and that goal is not to aggravate the local yokels till all hours of the night. While I'm talking about all hours of the night I would like to just caution everyone to be careful while walking around Wilkes Barre. Do you remember those creepies that your mom and dad had always warned you of? Well you may run into one or two of them at night. and walk in two's and three's and you will be fine.

Wilkes University has been known to be proficient in other skills other than partying. Just take a look at the volunteer

services notices all over campus. I think that if no one was interested in these activities they would not waste time by hanging these signs up. Also, Mary Hession and Donna Thorton do a fantastic job of keeping the students involved. If you have an idea of something to do, talk with them, they have worked with students before and they would again.

Also, it is that time when fall athletics is the main focus of campus life. I wish all the teams the best of luck in their season.

"Students if you cannot be an athlete, than be an athletic supporter."

Well that is all that I have to say for this week. Welcome back all and best of luck this semester.

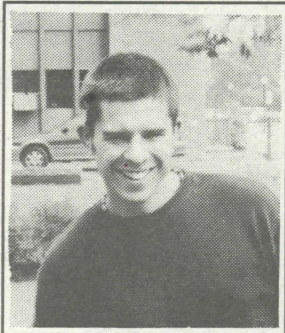
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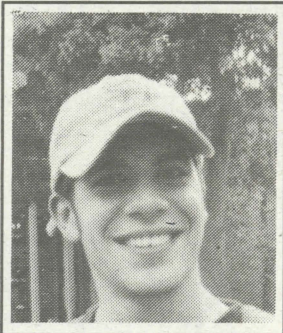
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What are you looking forward to this semester at Wilkes??

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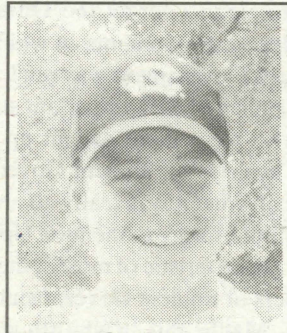
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Freshman  
"I can expect to have my learning ability challenged."



-Mario Romanelli  
Freshman  
"I expect to pass"



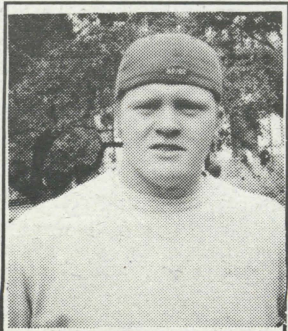
- Kevi Romelli  
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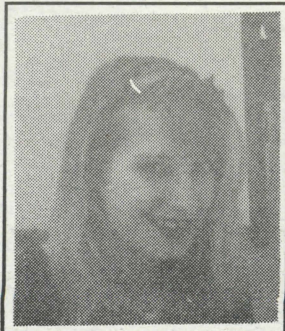
- Sean Conaty  
Sophomore  
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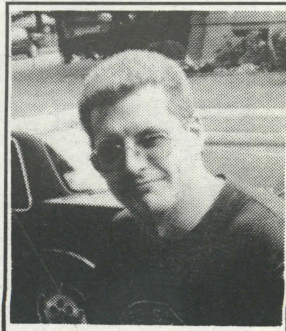
- Lauren M. Woll  
and Lager  
Sophomore  
"To pass organic and still have a life."



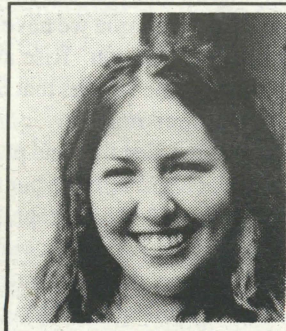
- Seamus Geddis  
Junior  
"A lot of fun times are to be expected and maybe some classes."



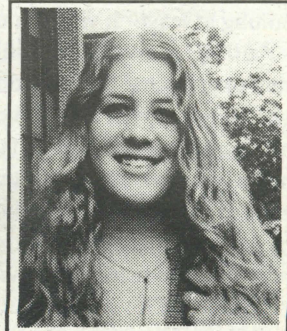
-Lisa Marie Pilck  
Junior  
"I would expect to see Bill Layo in here."



- "Crazy" Bob Hansen  
Junior  
"I don't expect anything."



-Colleen Vacorelli  
Junior  
"To choose a career path and creat endless memories."



- Melece Sliwinski  
Senior  
"To graduate!!!"



# Take a look at college drinking

Alcohol is the most widely used drug on American College and university campuses. College students spend approximately \$4.2 billion annually to purchase 430 million gallons of alcoholic beverages, including over 4 billion cans of beer. Students have particularly high rates of heavy drinking compared to the general population.

Frequently, the over use of this drug causes alcohol poisoning and the results can be deadly. The affects that alcohol have on the body are constantly predictable regardless of use. Alcohol is a mood altering depressant drug.

Alcohol is associated with missed classes and poor performance on tests and projects. The number of alcoholic drinks per week is clearly related to lower GPAs. Students who reported D and F grade point averages consumed an average of 11 alcoholic drinks per week, while those who earned mostly As consumed only 3 drinks per week.

The situation, your mood, and why you have chosen to drink on a particular night effects how alcohol affects you. Your body does develop a physical and psychological dependence to alcohol over time. Increased drinking increases your tolerance, requiring

more alcohol to cause an affect on you.

Unfortunately, getting drunk is common on college campuses. Because of this you are likely to come in contact with a person who is intoxicated or experiencing a drunken episode known as alcohol poisoning.

Caution: Death has been documented to occur at levels as low as 0.35 blood alcohol content. (.10 is the legal state of intoxication) Remember that each person is different. Also, the absence of symptoms does not guarantee safe or low blood alcohol levels. The fact is that death can occur and does occur from drinking too much alcohol.

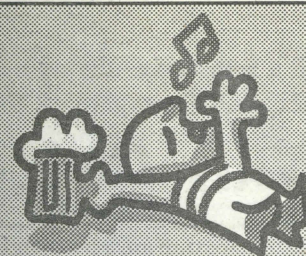
When people pass out from too much consumption of alcohol it is the body's inability to tolerate the amount of alcohol that you have put into it. The amount of alcohol it takes to make you pass

out is dangerously close to the amount of alcohol it takes to make you dead!!!

There are signs that you can look for when you suspect someone of having alcohol poisoning: Person who is over friendly, talking loudly, bragging, or using foul language, annoying or arguing with others, slurred or slowed speech, sudden or unexplained mood changes, with staggering, swaying, or the inability to walk.

When you are in the presence of someone that is in this state of mind first and foremost, stay with the person and remain clam so that the intoxicated person will remain calm. Importantly, do not laugh, make fun, or provoke the person, allow the person to drive a car or bicycle, or give them food, liquid, or drugs, to sober them up.

Remember the only thing that can sober a drunk is time.



## Did you know that.....?

- Between 2% and 3% of the current American college population will die from alcohol related causes.
- Thirty percent of college failure is alcohol related. The average female college student spends \$150.00 per year on alcohol.
- The average male college student spends \$300.00 per year on alcohol
- 90% of the vandalism that occurs on college campuses is a result of alcohol use. 75% to 90% of campus rapes involve alcohol use.
- One out of 3 Americans don't drink - and that's okay too.

## The ABC's of Wilkes Student Governemnt

This article is an opinion of a great club here on campus. Now, what everyone wants to know is how this article differs from the past articles written on this club. Here's how, because I have had three years of experience in this club which makes this an informed opinion, not just an opinion.

Student Government was definitely Absurd. Mostly it consisted of Bull#\$%^ arguments about giving away too much money and the precedent that it would set. Which was valid until they would give away a little over \$5000.00 in a three-week period, maybe it was four weeks. And watch out for those Cliques which if powerful enough will Dominate the entire year. It didn't take too much effort to convince last year's freshmen reps to vote away a power which was secured for them for most, if not all of Student Government's existence.

But, my years were definitely Entertaining at least. It was fun to watch Fallible individuals think they were so great and that they did so much. They did what every other Student Government is expected to do. They never went above that but they wanted praise that they did. Ask any student what Student Government did for them and many will say that Student Government is a bunch of Guff. Hypocritical is another good word to describe Student Government. Just sit in on a few meetings and it will become self-explanatory. My time on Student Government was an Inordinate Joke until it was time for Student Government to order pizza for

themselves as a reward for doing a job they were elected to do.

How else can I define an organization that I dedicated 3 years to? How 'bout a few Klutzes who were Lackadaisical in running a Mediocre, Namby-pamby Ostentatious Student Government. Let's don't forget the word Pathetic.

Was it that bad? Yep, it was. How can I forget the Quibbling, Reactionary manner in which Student Government was run? It was a bunch of Self-important students who were more caught up in the Theatrics of Student Government than what it was really all about. I think I forgot to mention Uppity as a characteristic of most of the members of Student Government.

Maybe this is why students are so apathetic to Student Government and left so many more unfilled seats this year as compared to the past years?

Freshmen, I challenge you not only to run this year but also not to follow the example we have unfortunately set for you. Rise above it and correct the wrongs that Student Government routinely commits. Remove the Venality and please do not make it a Waste of your time as it was of mine. I hope that the Student Government will be Xenogenous as you continue as leaders of this school. Make this a Student Government that the students do not say Yuk to or treat as the Zoo that it has been.

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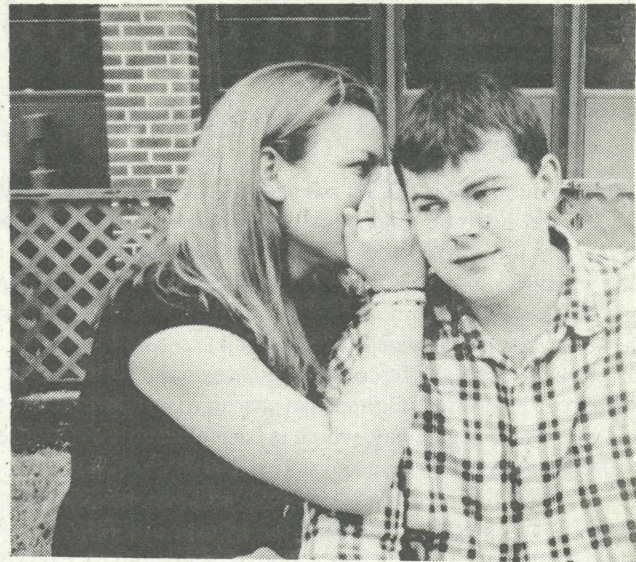


## The Main Event With Crazy Bob

There sure are a lot of ugly people at Wilkes University. I'm no prize myself, but I swear some of you freshmen fell off the ugly tree and hit every branch. Let's try to do better, people! This is Crazy Bob and I am a big phony liar. For those of you new to the swinging foxtrot that is my column, here's the lowdown. I used to write about wrestling, but stopped when I realized only losers were reading. I love pro wrestling, but it may prove more valuable to shut it off and have some sex every once in awhile. For the rest of the semester this space will focus solely on the principles of public speaking and it's effects on both the sender and its receivers, and maybe some fart jokes. On September 23 Wilkes University will feature the Astonishing Neil. I don't know what it is that Astonishing Neil does, but I am positive it will be nothing short of astonishing. Those of you that enjoy astonishment will definitely love Astonishing Neil. Prepare to be astonished. Speaking of astonishing, I am continually astonished at the incompetence of old people in our community. I was at BiLo, waiting for that freshly smoked ham wrapped up in a snug

parchment like only BiLo can do. But low and behold, I am the only person in the supermarket that won't be dead soon. Because of this I must maneuver my trusty grocery vehicle left and right around a bunch of dinosaurs that smile at you when they do something stupid. Luckily, when I reach that age, I'll still be cool. I hope everyone enjoyed Club Day. If you've never been to Club Day, Club Day is a fun annual institution here at Wilkes University. The object is to walk around with clubs and beat one another senseless. This activity is especially useful when visiting my good friends at the Registrar. Sometimes I go there just for the exercise because I know I'm going to be sent all over campus before accomplishing what I set out to do in the first place. However, that is the fate we suffer in the bureaucratic seas of cheese we call college. I like the commercial where a large hirsute gorilla eats the kid's phone at the zoo. You see my friends, the phone is covered by a yellow peel-off label, which is supposed to serve as sufficient cause for the consumer to purchase this particular instrument of telecommunication. What

the teenagers do not realize is that the gorilla, who barely walks erect and lacks the capacity to comprehend various human instruments, peels and digests the yellow phone, confusing it for a banana. Comedy ensues. There's lots of great stuff out there in the media world this fall. "Wild on E!" has got to be without a doubt the greatest show on television. Never before have I learned so much about various tropical islands and their native customs. The cuisine tips are very helpful and Todd Newton's wit is sensational. Barry Blaustein's wrestling documentary "Beyond the Mat" was both insightful and emotional, but not as telling as its sequel. Next summer, Blaustein along with Universal Pictures plans the summer blockbuster of all time. It's a tale of courage and compassion shown when wrestling ring-crew members bond in a show of brotherhood. It's called "Below the Mat." Does anyone else think Skid Row still rocks? Rock on my man, rock on. That's all from the Wilkes-Barre madman. It feels good to be back with my cats in the WB. Go nuts.



## From the Bench With John Heck

It sure does feel good to be back, and I'm sure everyone can agree that this year has the potential to be a good one. I would definitely stress the word potential though, for the simple fact that (and most upper classmen know what I mean), after the first few weeks, this school loses some of its "charm" that it has in the beginning. But I'm not trying to get anybody down (at least not in the first edition) my associates and I have faith that this year can be as fun as we want it to be.

Now we will move on to what this article is really about, which if you haven't guessed already, it is about me, and whatever pops in to my head while sitting on the bench taking in the sights. But it's really not as easy as it sounds.

So this week, while relaxing on the bench one of my freshmen buddies expressed to me how he was worried that his reputation among some of the female members of the student body (Wilkes is notorious for it's rumors) wasn't exactly where he wanted it to be. But, I couldn't sympathize with him, as my utmost respect for the female species has never put me in that position. Anyway, I gave him my best advice, which was do not worry about it. But, the more and more I thought about it, I would feel pretty bad if I were in that position and I think I speak for most people.

Unfortunately, Wilkes is a very small school and rumors tend to spread like wildfire. So I wondered, "What causes this?" At the same time the sky over the green way opened up and the answer dawned on me. "Nobody knows how to mind their own business," as simple as it may sounds it is the truth.

This is a difficult concept for me to truly understand because, in my years of life experience, I have found that there is not enough time in a day to really put a conscious effort into knowing or even caring about other peoples business. I have too much going on in my own life to worry about what the kid down the hall was up to last night. If only everyone else would see it my way, the world or at least Wilkes U., would be a better place.

So what do we do to fix this social problem? Is it even an achievable goal? Many people would argue that where there is a will there is a way. But in my professional opinion, I do not see it happening in today's society anytime soon. However, I do think that if everybody would stop, just for a second, before they speak badly about anyone else and ask themselves "Am I really any better?" I think you youngin's, especially will see what I mean. Always remember that these are the people you will eventually graduate with and be friends with for life.

I can't make you feel, but I can make you think. So, from all of us here, "don't be a hater, or eventually you to will be hated." And if you really MUST know, just go to the source.



## Eye of the Future With Madame Ecstasy

**Capricorn** (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19) Use your intelligence to your advantage. Charisma and creativity are your best attributes utilize them wisely or you might find yourself left behind.

**Aquarius** (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18) Just relax, my crystal ball shows me that you have some very big responsibilities right now, don't get overwhelmed, problems will work themselves out.

**Pisces** (Feb. 19 - Mar. 20) Upgrade your little black book because your social agenda is about to pick up, just be yourself and you will do fine.

**Aries** (Mar. 21 - Apr. 19) Be careful of what you say and do around elders, they may take your actions personally, which is never a good thing.

**Taurus** (April 20 - May 20) Do not let minor set backs get your spirit down, you have a great imagination, so don't let any opportunities pass you by.

**Gemini** (May 21 - June 21) This is a good time for you and your partner or even prospective partner to talk my crystal ball tells me that you are growing weary of your relationship.

**Cancer** (June 22 - July 22) I see that you are excited about being at school, do not forget that this is SCHOOL and you are here to do more than just party, find a good academic and social balance and the possibilities are endless.

**Leo** (July 23 - Aug. 22) Be open to new experiences, they might enlighten you, but don't let others influence you, be your own person.

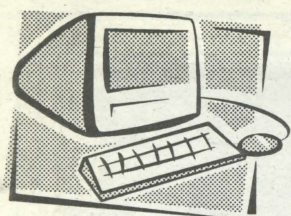
**Virgo** (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22) This will be a good week for you in almost every aspect except for your love life, after consulting my crystal ball, I found that current relationships are not going as you had planned but don't stress it.

**Libra** (Sept. 23 - Oct. 23) This is a good time for you to be outgoing especially with other Libras, look for things you have in common when selecting your mate.

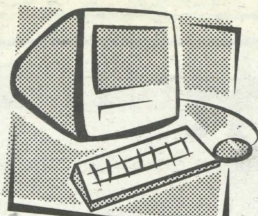
**Scorpio** (Oct. 24 - Nov. 21) My crystal ball tells me that love is in your immediate future and it probably won't be with who you have been thinking about, keep an open mind and good things will come to you.

**Sagittarius** (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21) Lots of love surrounds you, but don't buy anything non-refundable. Delay deciding on sale approaches.





## Technology Bytes With Brian Trosko



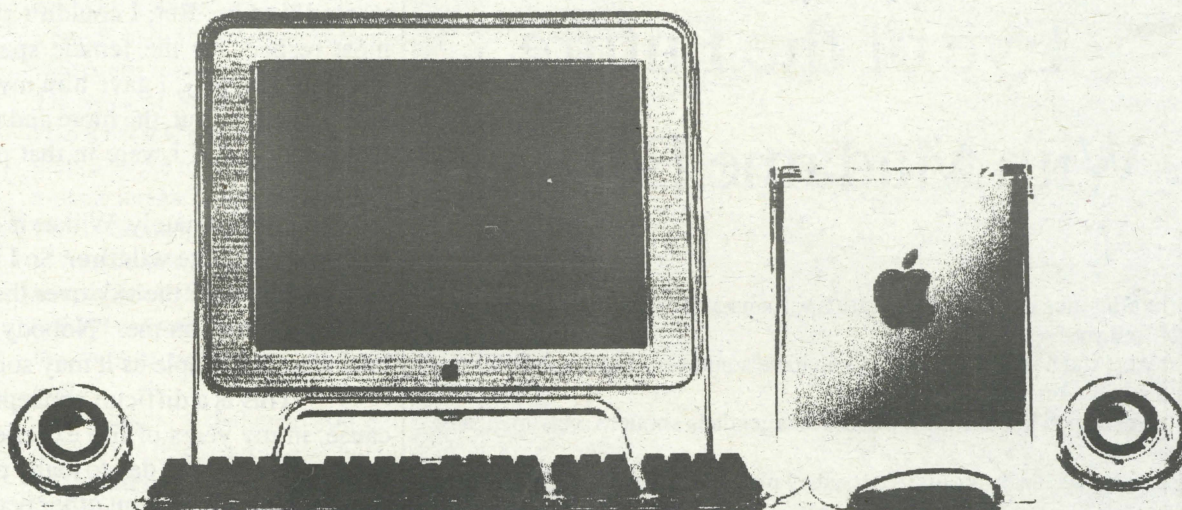
For my first column this year, let me start right off and rant about an issue near and dear to my heart: the campus network and Internet connection. See, there's a problem with it. It's currently useless for just about anything you'd care to do with it. Go ahead. Try to run a DejaNews search, or look something up on Yahoo. Maybe try to pay your bills online or buy music through cdnow.com, or telnet somewhere else to check your mail. Then, when you're done shouting in sheer annoyance at how slow everything is, and how many connections time outs there are, begin to realize how useless it is.

See, the packets leaving your computer go down the wire to your local router. It might be in your dorm, or you might be in one of several buildings that share a router. That router takes those packets, wraps 'em up neatly, and sends them over to the gateway, which is basically a monster router lurking in the depths of SLC. The idea then is that the gateway sends 'em out across Wilkes' link to the 'net, which is a digital fiber-optic link, a fractional T1, of about 1.1mbps or so. That's where the major problems start.

Well, actually they start before that, because the LAN is in general a bit bogged down, but that's liveable. For one thing, a fractional T1 simply isn't enough bandwidth for everything that people are trying to ram through it. But the **big** problem, the **major** problem, is that that T1 doesn't do a thing without a vendor to actually connect it to the rest of the net, and the vendor routing Wilkes traffic is an outfit called Verio. Verio, to put it as politely as I can, sucks. Hard. The link runs through Philly, and it's as overloaded as a Moral Majority field reporter covering the Democratic National Convention. It's a veritable black hole for data. Packets leave Wilkes, soar down wires at almost the speed of light, little blinking pulses of information, and they make it down to Philly. Then they stop dead. After a half-second or so, an eternity in network time, some of them actually make it out to the next overloaded link in Verio's so-called backbone. Depending on the time of day, maybe 20% or 30% or even an unthinkable 40% of them just disappear, lost in the ether. The result of this is molasses-slow performance, timed-out connections, and much aggravation. This is totally unacceptable for **anyone** who wants to use their Wilkes network access for anything other than email. If all you do is log onto wilkes1 to check your mail, fine. Ignore this all and get on with your lives. But if you actually want to use the 'net for all the **other** stuff you can do with it, you're hosed. In order for this to be fixed we would need to necessitate an increase in the local bandwidth, **and** a contract with a connectivity vendor that doesn't suck. But don't hold your breath.

It seems Wilkes doesn't really want to spend the money it would take to upgrade all this, which is an act of severe shortsightedness in itself. Consider an analogy. You go to a Mercedes dealer and buy a car. Something fairly nice, like an M-class SUV. But then to save money, you go to shady mechanic and you buy some Firestone Wilderness ATs to put on it. And then to save even more money, you never change the oil at all. The result is that the nice truck you spent all that money on is rusting on blocks in your yard. Far from saving money, you really wasted upwards of \$30,000. You'd have been better off saving about \$29,700 and buying an old Gremlin.

Now, some folks'll blame Napster, and other such bandwidth consumers, but that's not really relevant. What is relevant is that if Wilkes has no interest in maintaining and upgrading the network to an acceptable level of performance, Wilkes has utterly wasted all the money it spent to install that network in the first place. It would have been much less expensive to buy a slew of cheap 28.8 rackmount modems and some terminal servers. We'd all still be able to check mail, and the stuff we'd be missing out on is totally unusable now anyway. Why isn't the University fixing this? I eagerly invite any official response.



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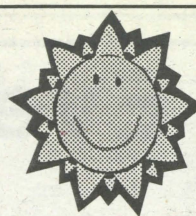
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## In the Clouds With Rupal Kalariya

Well, here we are back for another year at Wilkes. I thought that this year I'd start writing my own column. I'm actually at a loss for what to say. Maybe I should begin by explaining the title of the column. I like to spend a lot of my time in my own little world and have often been accused of having my head in the clouds. At first I was a little offended but soon realized that it's a lot better than having to deal with everyday pettiness. But anyway, onto another subject. Well, I would like to welcome all the freshmen (although half of them will be gone by next semester). It's always great seeing new faces and meeting new people. I hope you guys really make Wilkes even better. Since I am a senior, I thought I should share with the freshman a little advice that was once given to me: Be crazy, but remember why you're here. Take for example my last night adventure of going to Central Park for the Sting concert. It was totally impulsive and adventurous, especially because a certain someone forgot the directions, but yet I managed not to pay for it academically. I would like to end with another little piece of advice. Be careful!! Wilkes, for some, becomes like a second home, and it's easy to forget about the dangers, like walking home alone at night. I know I do it too sometimes, but you never know about some of the crazy people of Wilkes-Barre. Also, I love the students here at Wilkes, but gossip flies like wildfire. Whether you did the dirty deed or not, if you even thought about it, people will know. And there are some things that you just don't want to live through for the rest of your time here. So have fun, but be careful. Please email me if you'd like a topic discussed or have some juicy gossip (just kidding) at kalaris@wilkes.edu.

By COREY  
Beacon Sports

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# Catching up with the Colonels and Lady Colonels

By COREY YANOSHAK  
Beacon Sports Editor

Six athletic teams at Wilkes University have begun play for the fall season of 2000. Football and men's soccer are the only men's sports, while the women have field hockey, soccer, volleyball and tennis. With such limited space in *The Beacon's* first issue this semester, we will just recap their respective seasons up until Tuesday and will resume our regular coverage of each sport next week.

**Men's Soccer:** Phil Wingert's soccer club stands at an even 2-2, having played no Middle Atlantic Conference games yet. The Colonels have not played a game at Ralston Field, and will not host a game until this Saturday when FDU-Madison comes to town.

Wilkes has defeated Goucher College 1-0 in the season's second game in the Goucher Tournament. Villa Julie defeated Wingert's squad 3-2 in overtime in the tourney's opening game. Wilkes then lost its second game of the year in another overtime thriller, dropping a 2-1 decision at College Misericordia. The Colonels then evened their record when they defeated Dickinson 3-1 last weekend.

Ty Bowman and Ken Huelbig lead the team in goals scored with two apiece. Last year's leading-scorer Bill Schneider has a goal and an assist, while Kyle Mastellar and Tony VanScoy have netted the team's other two scores. Matt Bieber and Karl Myers lead the team in assists with two each, while Scott Carr, Matt Diltz, and Schneider each have one helper.

Seth Nye and Justin Bagley have started two games each in goal



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**Jill Henry (6, hitting ball) looks to be the top-gun returning for the Lady Colonels, having scored three goals and two assists for the 1-3 field hockey team.**

with Bagley allowing one goal in 180 minutes, earning one shutout so far this season. Nye has stopped 11 shots in 202 minutes for a 2.22 goals against average, while Bagley's stands at .50. Combined, the pair have a 1.41 gaa with 20 saves.

**Field Hockey:** The Lady Colonels return without their leading-scorer, Sara Clause, who led Addy Malatesta's team to the MAC Championship last season. Wilkes is 1-3 so far in the season with an 0-1 record in the conference. Malatesta's squad defeated Beaver College 5-1 in the second match of the season. Wilkes then suffered a 3-1 loss at Drew University, followed last weekend by a 4-2 loss at Misericordia.

Jill Henry returns from being second on the team in scoring and has netted three goals and two assists in four games, totaling eight points for the team lead. Ann Marie Roselli has netted three goals also, with one assist, for seven points. Jill Wilson has scored twice and helped once for five points. Kim Whipple

and Megan Fogle each have two assists this season for Malatesta.

Desiree Podrasky has stepped into the goaltending hole left by January Johnson's departure, having started three games, stopping 32 shots for a 2.67 gaa in 210 minutes. Venessa Tomaino started the other game, bombarded with 35 shots, blocking 25, but allowing 10 goals for a 10 gaa in 70 minutes.

**Women's Soccer:** The Lady Colonels, under first-year head coach Melissa Elwell, have won two and lost three heading into this weekend's opening MAC game vs Delaware Valley College at Ralston Field. Wilkes has beaten St. Mary's College 5-0 and Rutgers-Newark 7-1, while falling to Oswego 4-0, Muhlenberg College 4-2, and Susquehanna University 1-0, standing at 2-3 overall.

Following a solid freshman year, Holly Shiber is the team's top-scorer with four goals and three assists (11 points). Only one other Lady Colonel has more than one goal, Danielle McDonald with two;

while Julie Olenak has two points and Jill Lacy four. Jill Klicka, Carley Clement, Kim Hulme, Karyn Pall, and Donna Rothrock each have one goal and three points. Valerie White has also netted a score for two points.

Jennifer Pawleshyn has started all five games in goal, allowing nine goals on 43 shots for a 2.25 gaa in 360 minutes. Adrienne Corrigan has logged 90 minutes in net, combining for a shutout with Pawleshyn, having a 1.00 gaa.

**Women's Volleyball:** Mike Grandchamp's squad stands at 2-4, 0-2 in the MAC with 3-0 losses to both Scranton and King's.

Mandy Kehler and Lisa Day lead the way for the Lady Colonels with 78 and 37 kills, respectively. Shannon Smurl has 19 kills so far, while Erika Baltrusaitis chips in with nine. Stefanie Henninger has amassed 135 assists, along with 10 aces to lead the team. Lisa Ognosky has chipped in with 16 assists, while Cheryl Bachmann has recorded four aces and Kehler two.

Smurl is tops on the team with five solo blocks and four assists, while Corinne Stewart has four solos and four assists. Amber Brenna leads the team in digs with 21, while Bachmann adds nine, Day eight, and Kehler 11.

**Women's Tennis:** In their first match of the season, the women's tennis team dropped an 8-1 decision to Marywood University at Ralston Field. Angie Cardoso and Nicole Ripper teamed for first-year coach Jackie Ruane's only match win on the afternoon, winning their



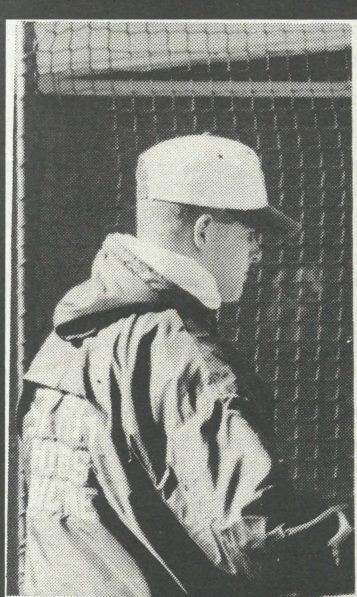
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**Karyn Pall (with ball) has three points on one goal and one assist for the 2-3 Lady Colonels.**

doubles match 8-2.

Transfer Adriana Solorzano played number one singles, dropping a 6-0, 6-1 decision in her first match as a Lady Colonel. Freshman Selena Bednarz played number two, losing 6-0, 6-1, while fellow freshman Rayna Bruder dropped a 6-0, 6-0 set at number five. Lori DeMarco and Amee Mehta played numbers three and four, respectively, with DeMarco dropping a 6-2, 6-0 match and Mehta a 6-3, 6-1. Cardoso rounds out the six singles players, falling 6-1, 6-0.

Solorzano teamed with Bednarz and DeMarco with Mehta in doubles action as both teams dropped 8-1 sets. Ruane gets ready for three straight MAC tilts, at Drew and Allentown University, with a home-match against the University of Scranton sandwiched in-between.



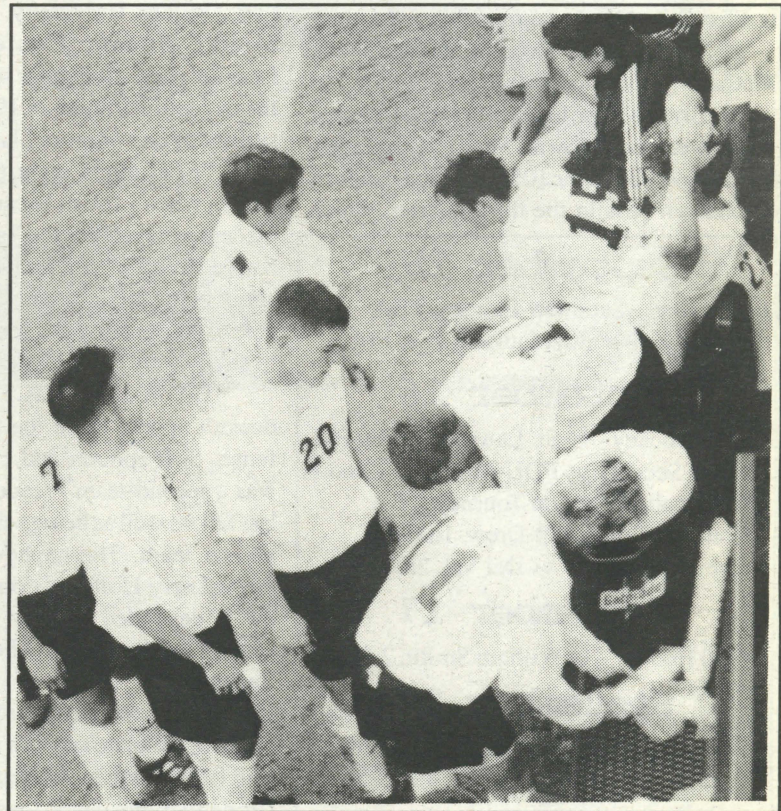
Have you seen this man? Probably not, since athletic trainer Brian Kephart has left Wilkes University in favor of graduate school.

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**Bill Smith (20) is back for his fourth-year as a starting defenseman for Phil Wingert's 2-2 men's soccer team.**





## The Back Page



# Colonels roar past Lions

*Sophomore quarterback Marshman leads aerial assault on Albright.*

By MATT REITNOUR  
Beacon Staff Writer

As the Wilkes University Football team came into camp about a month ago, everyone knew that sophomore quarterback Jeff Marshman would have to carry the offense until a replacement for Mike Hankins was found in the offensive backfield.

On Saturday night in Reading, PA, Marshman showed everyone he is up to the challenge.

Marshman was 29-for-43 for 366 yards and three touchdowns to lead the Colonels to a 22-21 win over Albright College in the season-opener for both squads. Marshman hit Brian Miller with a 26-yard pass with just 1:10 left to seal the win for the Colonels, their second straight win over Albright.

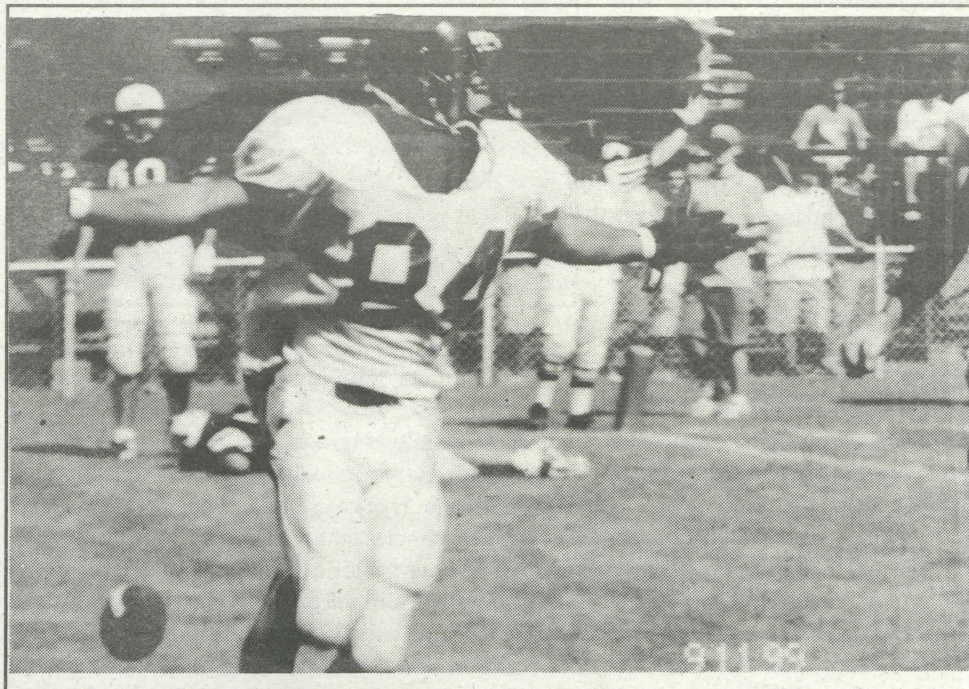
Wilkes' defense kept the Colonels in the game most of the night, holding Albright to just 311 yards total offense. Four Colonels were credited with seven tackles each, led by junior cornerback Brian Hosler, who was given credit for seven solo stops. Seniors Jermaine Richardson and Justin Holmes each had seven tackles and two sacks apiece as well. Richardson's tackle on Albright quarterback Mike Strack on third and six with 1:59 to play in regulation forced the Lions to punt, setting up the winning score for the Blue and Gold. Senior Mark Hendry, who was playing in his first game since last October had seven tackles and a pass break-up in the win.

Marshman hit his favorite target Frank McCabe 11 times on Saturday night for 116 yards. Brian Miller had four catches, two of which were touchdowns. Senior Ryan James hauled in six balls for 105 yards and caught a touchdown pass in the third quarter, which

allowed the Colonels to take a 14-7 lead. Prior to that the game was back and forth with defenses on both sidelines taking control.

Wilkes actually trailed 21-14 as the game clock ticked under the five-minute mark. Wilkes pulled within a 21-16 count with 4:52 to play when the Lions' long-snapper sailed the snap over the head of the Albright punter and over the end line. The defense stepped up to hold the Lions' inside their own 15-yard line. The field position arrow pointed in the Colonels' favor after sophomore punter Matt Knock downed a punt inside the 10-yard line.

The early season schedule isn't an easy one for the Colonels as they take their 1-0 record on the road again this Friday night. **Wilkes will face FDU-Madison at 7:30 p.m. in Madison, NJ.** Wilkes beat the Devils twice last season, including a 27-6 win over the Devils in the ECAC Southeast Championship game. The Colonels lead the all-time series 15-2.



Senior Ryan James, one of five captains this year, will see plenty of time at both tight end and wide receiver for Frank Sheptock's 1-0 Colonels.

## Wilkes' own 'Ironman'

By COREY YANOSHAK  
Beacon Sports Editor

Justin Holmes has started in 30 football games in his three years at Wilkes University.

But the senior strong safety won't be happy until he starts the 41st game of his career.

Wilkes University, a member of the Middle Atlantic Conference Freedom League, plays 10 regular season games (with the exception of nine in 1998), with the possibility of one or more playoff games.

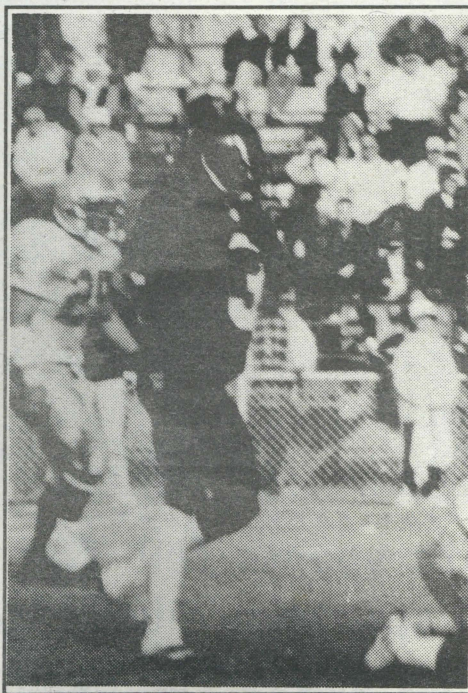
"I definitely want to have played 41 games when I finish because that means we made the playoffs twice," said the Easton, PA native Holmes. "But I haven't really thought about being an ironman. I'm just lucky to be able to stay healthy this long and it's an honor to say I did it."

Holmes, listed as 5'10", 185 pounds, doesn't appear to be the force he is on defense. Soft-spoken and confident, Holmes was a second-team Freedom League all-star last fall, as well as being selected to the ECAC all-star team. The nephew of heavyweight boxer Larry Holmes is one of five captains, but is depended upon to be the leader this season, according to head coach Frank Sheptock.

"His experience is something you can't coach or simulate and he's a real team player," said fifth-year coach Sheptock. "He's a very strong individual who leads both by example and vocally. He sets such a high standard for himself that it brings everyone's standards up."

"I just want to help the team as a leader," claimed Holmes. "I'm taking on a bigger role and trying to increase my tackles because we lost a big key to our defense in Tony DaRe. I'm real confident in the guys this year, but I feel if I can increase my tackles from last year then the younger guys wouldn't have to do as much."

Holmes began his career as a corner back, but switched to strong safety in his sophomore year, his strength, speed, and leadership obvious factors in the change. His numbers have increased steadily under Sheptock and two different defensive coordinators as



Justin Holmes (3) has started in every game he has been in at Wilkes.

he stands with 142 tackles heading into Friday night's game at FDU-Madison. The Wilkes High School graduate had 30 tackles and two interceptions as a freshman, then racked up 40 tackles and three sacks in his sophomore campaign, before ranking second on the team last fall behind DaRe with 64 tackles and 5.5 sacks.

"I, along with the team, just want to win every game and take it one week at a time. We've got more role players this year than in the past, so each individual is one part of a whole," commented the senior captain.

Sheptock is openly proud of Holmes and expects a great year from his captain. Holmes takes over a leadership role which has been filled by the team's top defender in each of the past three years with great responsibility.

"He does all the right things as a captain and he's taken his role with great responsibility," noticed Sheptock. "We're going to lose a few things when he goes, but he's been a model player in our program and I'm proud of his play and conduct throughout his career."

Holmes, who is studying business, is not overwhelmed with his final year of college football. Instead of 2000 being his year, he wants it to be the year of the Colonels, as they have "worked too hard over the summer not to win."

"I just go out there and play. I'd like to be considered a mainstay on defense, but I just do my own job," said the modest Holmes. "The game dictates your role and guys have to carry their own weight in order for everything to come together."

### September 15

- Volleyball - Scranton Tourney, TBA
- Football - @ FDU-Madison, 7:30 PM

### September 16

- Field Hockey - @ St. Lawrence, 2:00 PM
- Men's Soccer - vs FDU-Madison, 12 noon
- Volleyball - Scranton Tourney, TBA
- Women's Tennis - @ Drew, 1:00 PM
- Women's Soccer - vs Del Val, 2:00 PM

### September 17

- Field Hockey - @ William Smith, 2:00 PM

### September 19

- Volleyball - vs Baptist Bible, 7:00 PM
- Women's Soccer - @ King's, 4:00 PM

### September 20

- Women's Tennis - vs Scranton, 4:00 PM
- Men's Soccer - @ Scranton, 7:30 PM

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